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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N5/06 C12N5/10 A61K35/34 C12Q1/02 A61P9/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17-20, 50-56
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 17-20 and 50-56 are directed to methods of treatment (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 76-79
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 17-20 and 50-56 are directed to methods of treatment (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 76-79

Present claims 76-79 relate to methods of manufacturing a drug where the drug is to be identified by the assay of claims 62-75. Neither support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT nor disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is provided for any individual drug. A meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible, as such "reach-through" claims actually intend to cover an invention that has not yet been made. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claims 76-79 and those parts of claims 80 and 81 which refer to claims 76-79.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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